Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Kevin Thom began his law enforcement career in 1978, working as a Deputy Sheriff in Minot, North Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 1982, Kevin joined the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) as a Drug Agent, advancing to Field Supervisor, Training Administrator and became Director of DCI in 2002; and,

Whereas, Kevin was instrumental in many advances in law enforcement such as the implementation of a partnership between Tribal Law Enforcement and the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission, the South Dakota Cold Case Unit, Victim Witness Advocates, Child Advocacy Center and promoted the construction of the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center; and,

Whereas, Director Thom will officially retire from law enforcement on June 23, 2006, after 24 years of faithful and dedicated public service to the citizens of the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, DCI agents from across the state will gather on June 13, 2006, to honor Kevin for his loyal and dedicated service to law enforcement; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on his distinguished law enforcement career; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2006, as

KEVIN THOM DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State